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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Will Waive Day Use Fees During Veterans Day Weekend

WASHINGTON, D.C., (Oct. 29, 2001) – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) will waive day use fees at its recreation areas nationwide during the Veterans Day Weekend, November 10, 11 and 12, to encourage Americans to seek renewal and inspiration from our nation's natural resources.

In doing so, the Corps will honor our nation's veterans, rescue workers and citizens who have suffered tragic losses during the recent terrorist attacks.

"Americans have always sought healing and peace in our Nation's parks, and we welcome all visitors to our public lands in this time of trial. We encourage them to draw comfort and strength from the beauty and serenity of our outdoor, natural spaces." Brigadier General Robert H. Griffin, Director of Civil Works, said. "We also take this opportunity to honor those whose sacrifices have preserved our nation's freedom and democracy as well as those who lost family and friends during the recent tragedies."

Other federal agencies, including the National Park Service, Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and Fish and Wildlife Service, are also joining in this effort by waiving various entrance and user fees.

The Corps is one of our nation's largest providers of outdoor recreation, operating more than 2,500 recreation areas at 456 projects (mostly lakes) and leasing an additional 1,800 sites to state or local park and recreation authorities or private interests. The Corps hosts about 375 million visits each year at its lakes, beaches and other areas, and estimates that 25 million Americans (one in ten) visit a Corps project at least once a year.